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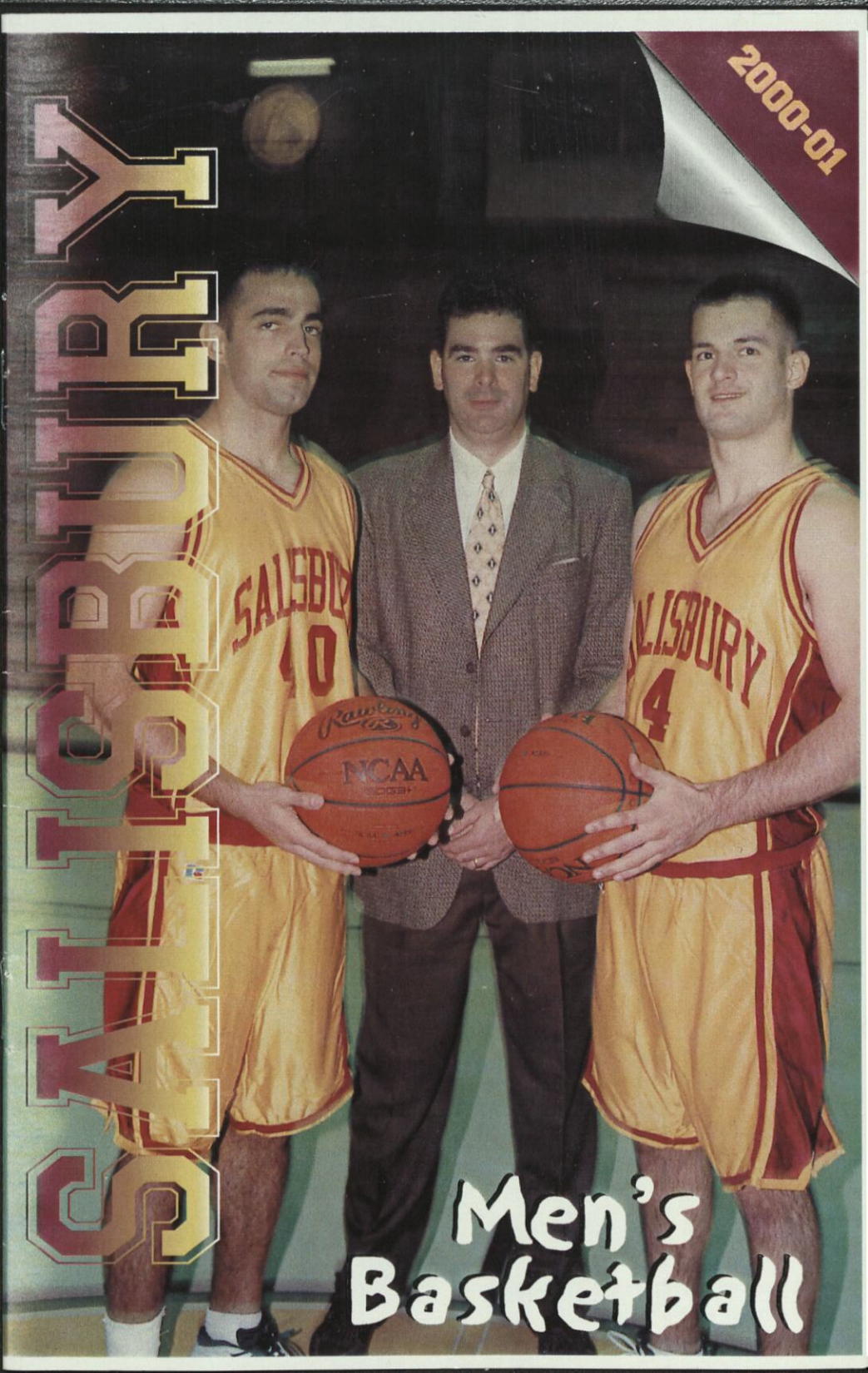


Men's Basketball

SSU at a glance

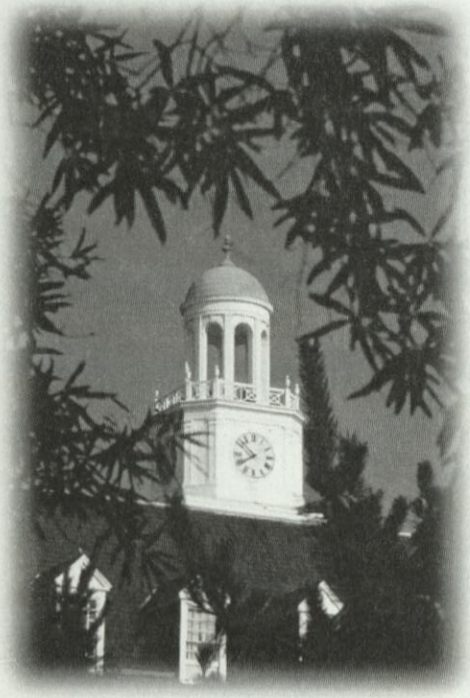
The resources of a University ...
6,000 students from 33 states and 29 foreign countries
30 undergraduate and 8 graduate programs
260 full-time faculty, 90 percent of tenure-track faculty have terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

... with small-school opportunities.
Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

The security of state support ...
2000-01 tuition, room, board and fees: $10,102 per year for Maryland residents; $14,838 per year out-of-state.
A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

... with the benefits of private funding.
Altogether, SSU awards nearly $1 million in academic scholarships each year. More than $24 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

In an ideal–and idyllic–location:
Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.



Come see us–in person, or in cyberspace. We'd love to see your smiling face, but if you can't get here, check out our Web site.
We're at **www.ssu.edu.**

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 46 buildings on 130 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.

Head Coach Steve Holmes

Steve Holmes was named the new head men's basketball coach at Salisbury State (MD) University on April 28, 2000, after completing six very successful seasons at the State University of New York at Geneseo.

Holmes led SUNY-Geneseo to the NCAA Division III Tournament in four of his six seasons while compiling a career record of 91-64. He served as the assistant coach at Geneseo for four years prior to assuming the head job in 1994, and also served as an assistant coach at Potsdam (NY) State and Champlain (VT) College before moving to Geneseo. In all, Holmes brings 17 years of collegiate coaching experience to his new position at Salisbury State and becomes just the fourth coach in the history of the SSU men's program.

"We conducted an exhaustive national search for this position and had an extremely strong applicant pool," said Dr. Michael Vienna, SSU's director of athletics. "We feel that Steve is an excellent fit for Salisbury. His basketball credentials are very impressive, with 17 years of collegiate experience and an association with some very successful programs. He also has a solid understanding of Division III athletics and the Division III student-athlete. Coming from a highly selective public institution with a strong academic reputation like Geneseo, he also knows what Salisbury is all about."

Holmes, 38, is a 1983 graduate of Plattsburgh (NY) State University, where he was a letterman on the basketball team. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Champlain College, where he spent three seasons before moving to Potsdam State as assistant varsity coach and junior varsity head coach in 1987. Potsdam enjoyed a 60-game winning streak during Holmes tenure with the program and was the winningest program in all divisions of the NCAA during the decade of the 1980s. Holmes also earned his master's degree from Potsdam in 1988. He joined SUNY-Geneseo as an assistant coach in 1990, serving four seasons before assuming the head coaching position in 1994.

Under his leadership, SUNY-Geneseo earned NCAA Tournament berths in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999. The Knights advanced to the Sweet 16 in 1995 while making second round appearances in 1996 and 1999. Under Holmes' leadership, Geneseo also captured its first-ever conference championships in school history, winning the highly-competitive SUNYAC title in 1998 and 1999. In total, the Knights made seven NCAA Tournament appearances in Holmes' 10-year association with the program as an assistant and head coach. More impressively, SUNY-Geneseo's basketball program also boasted a 100 percent graduation rate during his tenure.

Holmes, a native of Plattsburgh, NY, is a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and a past president of the SUNYAC Coaches Association. He is also active as a fund-raiser in the Coaches vs. Cancer campaign. He and his wife, Heather, have a two-year old son, Lucas.

The Holmes Resume

1983-86	Assistant Coach	Champlain College, Burlington, VT
1986-90	Assistant Varsity/Head JV Coach	SUNY-Potsdam, Potsdam, NY
1990-94	Assistant Varsity/Head JV Coach	SUNY-Geneseo, Geneseo, NY
1994-2000	Head Coach	SUNY-Geneseo
2000-	Head Coach	Salisbury State University

Gulls Feature New Leadership

Solid Returning Core Expected to Lead Team in 2000-01

The Sea Gulls feature many familiar faces, with one major exception, as they begin the 2000-01 season. Eight veterans and four starters from last year's 17-9 team (10-4 in the Capital Athletic Conference) are back, but the squad is under new leadership this year as Head Coach **Steve Holmes** begins his first season at the helm.

Holmes becomes the fourth coach in the history of the SSU men's program, replacing Ward Lambert, who retired following his 30th year with the Sea Gulls.

"Being my first year, my biggest concern is Salisbury's traditional way of playing," said Holmes. "I want to switch from the traditional run-and-gun offense and full court pressure defense, to a slower and more controlled style of play. The players are used to moving quickly up-and-down the court. I want to slow them down on offense. I also want to focus on defense and make our opponents work harder for their shots. So far the team is adjusting well and after a couple of games the players will be more comfortable with this new style of play."

Two of the top returnees this year are junior forward **Victor Jackson** and junior guard **Doug King**. Both were all-conference selectees last season. The 6-foot-3 Jackson led the team with 14.2 points per game and a .549 field-goal percentage last year. He also added 4.1 rebounds per game. King averaged 10.6 ppg and 5.8 assists, second best in the conference.

The other returning starters are 6-1 senior guard **Josh Merkel** and 6-2 senior forward **Tony Chiavelli**. Both players exhibit strong leadership and are team captains. Merkel is the team's top outside shooting threat and averaged 9.2 ppg last year. He also led the team with 52 three-pointers. Chiavelli averaged 6.4 ppg and was one of the team's top rebounders with 5.0 per game. Holmes expects both players to increase their production and improve upon their stats this year.

Senior 6-6 forward **Bernie Dennison** returns this season after not playing last year. He led the team in rebounding with 7.8 per game during the 1998-99 season. Junior 6-5 forward **Jason Campion** started all 26 games last year while leading the team in rebounds (5.2) and finishing second in scoring (11.6 ppg). Junior 6-5 forward **Lou Clark** also returns and is expected to be a valuable contributor off the bench. Junior guard **Matt Briggs** also played in all 26 games and provides further depth.

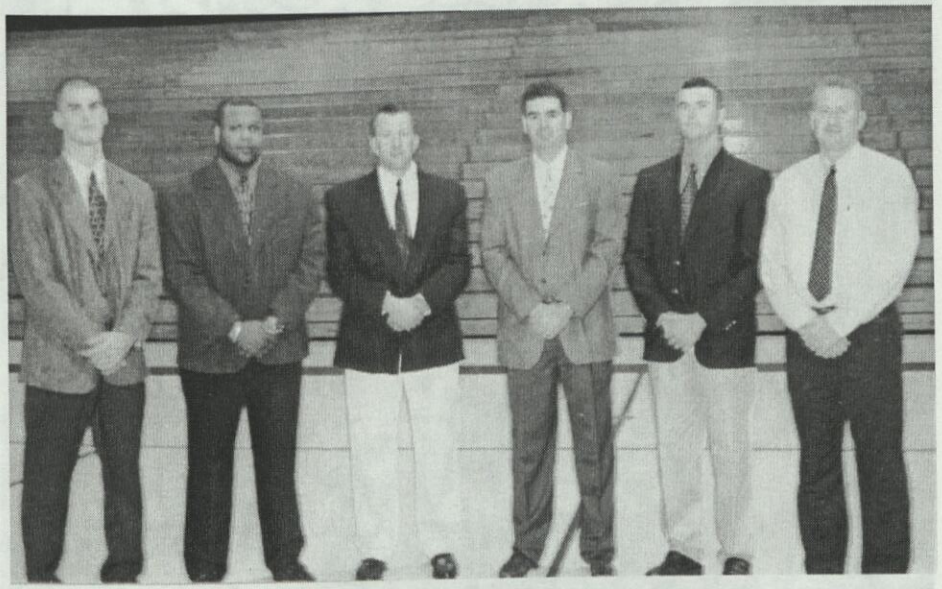
Among the top newcomers are 6-3 sophomore shooting guard **Greg Cooper** and 5 11 junior guard **Mike Sullivan**. Both bring added quickness and defensive skill to the squad.

"Both of these newcomers should make strong contributions to the team," said Holmes. "Cooper is a great defensive player and has a nice shot. Sullivan brings in past experience and is also a great defensive player. He is smart and quick and will be a strong back-up point guard."

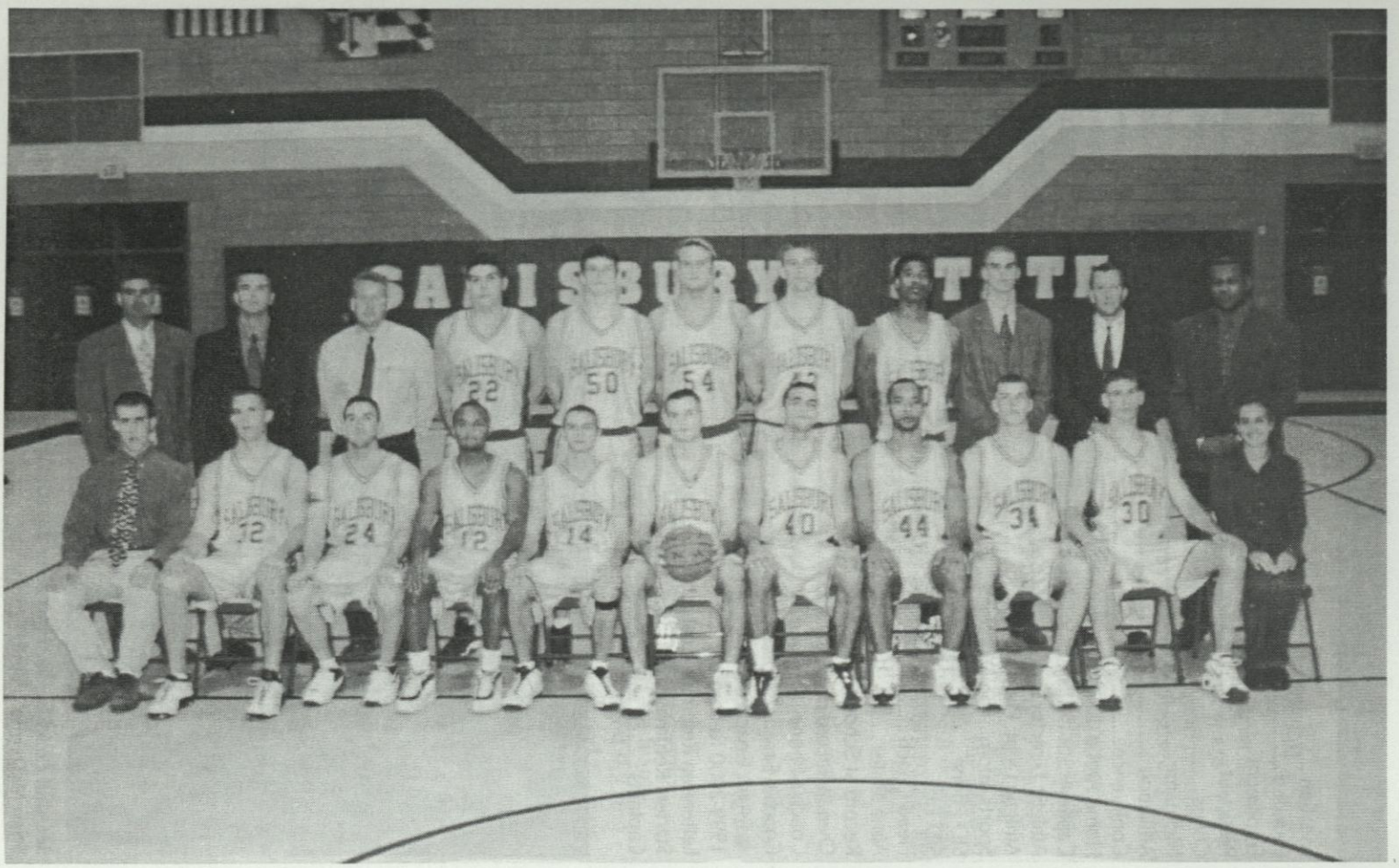
"I expect the team to be strong this year," said Holmes. "We have a lot of talent and experience. We are flexible and many of the players will make contributions, so we won't have to rely on a couple of players to give us points."

Quick Facts

Location	Salisbury, MD
Founded	1925
Enrollment	6,000
President	Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach
Colors	Maroon and Gold
Nickname	Sea Gulls
Affiliation	NCAA Division III, ECAC
Conference	Capital Athletic Conference (CAC)
Home Arena	Maggs Center
Capacity	2,000
Athletic Director	Dr. Michael P. Vienna
Athletic Dept. Phone	410-548-3503
Sports Information Director	G. Paul Ohanian
SID Phone	410-543-6016
SID Fax	410-677-5025
Head Coach	Steve Holmes
Alma Mater	Plattsburgh '83
Record at School, Years	0-0 (1st year)
Overall Record	91-64 (6 yrs)
Coach's Phone	410-548-4163
Coach's E-mail	smholmes@ssu.edu
Assistant Coaches	Pat Williams, Keith Brown, Brian McDermott, Ron Siers, Steve Re
1999-2000 Record	17-9 (10-4 CAC)
Lettermen Returning/Lost	8/5
Starters Returning	4
Captains	Josh Merkel, Tony Chiavelli



Sea Gull Coaching Staff (l-r) Steve Re, Pat Williams, Ron Siers, Steve Holmes, Brian McDermott, Keith Brown.



2000-01 Sea Gull Roster

No	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown	High School
4	Josh Merkel	G	Sr	6-1	190	Walkersville, MD	St. John's Prospect Hall
12	Doug King	G	Jr	5-9	160	Salisbury, MD	Wicomico
14	Rohn Schutsky	G	Fr	5-9	145	Freehold, NJ	Freehold
20	Gamaal Robinson	G	Jr	6-2	170	Columbia, MD	Oakland Mills
22	Greg Cooper	G	So	6-3	200	Severna Park, MD	Severn
24	Mike Sullivan	G	Jr	5-11	170	Road Chester, PA	Bishop Carroll
30	Jason Campion	F	Jr	6-5	190	Bowie, MD	Archbishop Spalding
32	Matt Briggs	F	Jr	6-2	185	Severna Park, MD	Severna Park
34	Jeff Haddaway	F	Jr	6-4	180	Clarksville, MD	Mt. Hebron
40	Tony Chiavelli	F	Sr	6-2	200	Olney, MD	Seneca Valley
43	Lou Clark	F	Jr	6-5	215	Baltimore, MD	Eastern Tech
44	Victor Jackson	F	Jr	6-3	190	Salisbury, MD	Wicomico
50	Kyle Morrow	F	Fr	6-5	190	Owings, MD	Northern
54	Bernie Dennison	F	Sr	6-6	215	Ellicott City, MD	Glenelg

HEAD COACH – Steve Holmes (first year)

ASSISTANTS – Keith Brown, Pat Williams, Ron Siers, Brian McDermott, Steve Re

TEAM CAPTAINS – Josh Merkel, Tony Chiavelli

Players to Watch in 2000-01

JOSH MERKEL
SENIOR - GUARD
WALKERSVILLE, MD
A three-year letterman, Merkel is the team's top outside shooter and one of the top marksmen in the conference...He averaged 9.2 ppg as a junior and led the Sea Gulls with 52 three-pointers...He starts his senior season ranked fifth in team history with 118 three-point field goals...Merkel was Salisbury's top scorer twice last season, including a season-high 26 points against Mary Washington in the CAC Tournament...A strong leader, on and off the court, who is serving as one of the co-captains in 2000-01.

DOUG KING
JUNIOR - GUARD
SALISBURY, MD
A quick and savvy ball-handler who will direct the offense once again this year...Earned second team all-CAC honors in 2000... Started all 26 games last year after joining the Sea Gulls as a junior college transfer...Averaged 10.6 ppg, third best on the team last season, and 5.8 assists, second best in the conference...Also finished second in the CAC in free throw percentage (80.5%) and fourth in steals (1.7 per game)...Scored a career-best 27 points against Marymount in the CAC Tournament last season.

JASON CAMPION
JUNIOR - FORWARD
BOWIE, MD
Emerged as a key member of the lineup last year and started all 26 games...Finished second on the team in scoring with 11.6 ppg and tied for the team lead in rebounding with 5.2 per game...Led the Sea Gulls in scoring six times as a sophomore, including a personal-best of 22 points against both Bloomfield and Mary Washington...Will serve as one of the team's frontcourt leaders again this year with the potential to be one of the CAC's top players.

TONY CHIAVELLI
SENIOR – FORWARD
OLNEY, MD
A two-year lettermen who steps into the role of team leader as a co-captain this year...Joined the Sea Gulls initially as a junior college transfer in 1998...Has played in all 52 games over his two seasons with the team...Finished third on the squad in rebounds last year with 5.0 per game...Also added 6.4 ppg...An accurate outside shooter who has also converted 59 treys over his first two seasons...Tallied a team-high 14 points to lead SSU past Lincoln in last year's Sea Gull Classic.

VICTOR JACKSON
JUNIOR – FORWARD
SALISBURY, MD
A two-time all-conference player who was also the CAC's Rookie of the Year in 1999...Led the Sea Gulls in scoring last year with 14.2 ppg after averaging 13.6 ppg as a freshman...Also added 4.1 rebounds per game last season...A strong inside scorer who finished second in the CAC in field goal accuracy last year at 55.3 percent...Finished as the team's leading scorer in 13 of 26 games, with a season high of 24 points in a road victory at St. Mary's...Should contend for all-CAC honors again this season.

The Recordbook

Individual Records

Most Points			
Career	2940	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	914	Andre Foreman	1990-91
Game	52	Andre Foreman vs. Wesley	Feb. 12, 1992
Most Rebounds			
Career	1313	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	482	Howard Shockley	1973-74
Game	37	Howard Shockley vs. Loyola	Feb. 12, 1974
Most Assists			
Career	538	Scott Smith	1981-85
Season	246	Russell Springmann	1989-90
Game	19	Rick Sheets vs. Spring Garden	Dec. 6, 1986
Most 3-PT Shots Made			
Career	268	John DeRichie	1993-97
Season	102	David Byer	1996-97
Game	9	Dameon Ross vs. CCNY	Dec. 5, 1991
Most Steals			
Career	261	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	96	Andre Foreman	1991-92
Game	10	Ron Dixon vs. Baltimore	Jan. 9, 1975
Most Blocked Shots			
Career	299	Howard Shockley	1973-76
Season	132	Howard Shockley	1973-74
Game	12	Howard Shockley vs. Spring Garden	Dec. 21, 1973

Career Scoring Leaders

Name	Years	Points
1) Andre Foreman	1987-92	2940*
2) Juan Gabourel	1976-80	2064
3) Dameon Ross	1991-94	1994
4) John Berens	1978-82	1736
5) Howard Shockley	1973-76	1519
6) Ron Gore	1965-69	1495
7) Scott Smith	1981-85	1420
8) Kyle Jefferson	1991-95	1419
9) David Byer	1987-91	1384
10) Dave Pritchett	1982-86	1293
11) Ron Pritchett	1984-87	1257
12) Casey Musick	1993-96	1207
13) Tyrone Mills	1974-78	1151
14) Tim Sponaugle	1980-83	1150
15) Kevin Cromer	1989-93	1138

*Foreman's total of 2,940 is also the NCAA Division III scoring record

Career Rebounding Leaders

Name	Years	Rebounds
1) Andre Foreman	1987-92	1313
2) Howard Shockley	1973-76	1299
3) Ron Gore	1965-69	1250
4) Milt Purnell	1970-73	1168
5) Johns Berens	1978-82	934
6) Kevin Cromer	1989-93	762
7) Sylvester Burke	1971-75	751
8) Randy Clark	1993-97	709
9) Kyle Jefferson	1991-95	665
10) Ed Jones	1982-85	658

Team Records - Single Game

Most Points - 141 vs. Eastern, 1989-90
Most Field Goals Made - 55 vs. Wilmington, 1971-72
Most Free Throws Made - 42 vs. Frostburg State, 1993-94
Most Free Throws Attempted - 56 vs. Mary Washington, 1995-96
Most 3-PT Field Goals Made - 18 vs. Wesley, 1993-94
Fewest Points Allowed - 34 vs. John Jay, 1979-80
Most Rebounds - 85 vs. Western Maryland, 1968-69
Most Assists - 39 (three times)
Most Steals - 28 vs. NC Wesleyan, 1995-96
Most Blocked Shots - 14 vs. Spring Garden, 1973-74
Largest Margin of Victory - 50 points vs. CCNY, 1991-92

2000-01 Sea Gull Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
November				
17	Fri	MUHLENBERG TOURNAMENT	Allentown, PA	
		Salisbury vs. Allentown		6 p.m.
		Wentworth vs. Muhlenberg		8 p.m.
18	Sat	Consolation and Championship		3/8 p.m.
21	Tue	WASHINGTON	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
28	Tue	MARYMOUNT *	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
December				
1	Fri	SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC	MAGGS CENTER	
		Methodist vs. Lincoln		3 p.m.
		Salisbury vs. St. Joseph's (NY)		8 p.m.
2	Sat	Consolation Game		3 p.m.
		Championship Game		8 p.m.
5	Tue	Mary Washington *	Fredericksburg, VA	8 p.m.
8	Fri	CHOWAN TOURNAMENT	Murfreesboro, NC	
		Salisbury vs. Chowan		6:30 p.m.
		Alvernia vs. Shenandoah		8:30 p.m.
9	Sat	Consolation and Championship		1/3 p.m.
11	Mon	Christopher Newport	Newport News, VA	7:30 p.m.
13	Wed	Virginia Wesleyan	Virginia Beach, VA	8 p.m.
January				
10	Wed	Catholic *	Washington, D.C.	8 p.m.
13	Sat	ST. MARY'S *	MAGGS CENTER	4 p.m.
17	Wed	GALLAUDET *	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
20	Sat	York *	York, PA	2 p.m.
24	Wed	Goucher *	Towson, MD	8 p.m.
27	Sat	MARY WASHINGTON *	MAGGS CENTER	4 p.m.
31	Wed	Marymount *	Arlington, VA	8 p.m.
February				
3	Sat	St. Mary's *	St. Mary's City, MD	4 p.m.
5	Mon	WESLEY	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
7	Wed	CATHOLIC *	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
10	Sat	YORK *	MAGGS CENTER	4 p.m.
14	Wed	Gallaudet *	Washington, D.C.	8 p.m.
17	Sat	GOUCHER *	MAGGS CENTER	7:30 p.m.
20	Tue	CAC TOURNAMENT - QUARTERFINALS		TBA
22	Thurs	CAC TOURNAMENT - Semifinals		TBA
24	Sat	CAC TOURNAMENT - Championship		TBA

* Indicates Capital Athletic Conference game

SSU's Athletics Philosophy

Salisbury State University, a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division III, offers 19 intercollegiate sports for men and women. In addition to NCAA membership, SSU competes as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the NCAA's Division III, Salisbury State places the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience. In doing so, it seeks to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with academic and developmental objectives, and to assure the integration of athletes with other students.

SSU places special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants, with emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni and special friends) rather than on the general public and its entertainment needs.

The SSU athletics program is further characterized by the following principles:

- Participants receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique privileges in admission, academic advising, course selection, grading, living accommodations or financial aid. Similarly, athletes are not denied rights and opportunities that would be available to them as non-athletes.
- Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.
- Students are supported in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from similar institutions.
- SSU strives to make the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics an enriching experience, and holds genuine concern for each participant's welfare. The intercollegiate program's foremost goal at all times is to supplement and enrich the first priority of the University, which is academic accomplishment.

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